The decision made by Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air a documentary slandering John Kerry days before the election is a snub to fair election laws and clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Media conglomerates need to be reigned in in order to level the media playing field and ensure that the voices of a variety of ordinary Americans are heard.

Please ensure that this abuse of power does not go unchecked. The future of democracy hangs in the balance.